

The 28-mile Branford Trail is a unique trail that borders a majority of the town's perimeter. The white circle blazed trail passes through the parks, northernly woodlands, and many Branford Land Trust properties. The trail is separated into eight sections that begins and ends at a public road with space for parking. Every home in Branford is within 15-minutes walking time of a trail. The entire Branford trail is best walked in a counter-clockwise direction.

This 4.8 mile section of the Branford Trail features the Short Beach area of Branford. Roughly a mile wide—Short Beach is the most western neighborhood in Branford and is home to many small islands important as bird habitat. Short Beach is

home to half of the Trolley Museum which is also shared by neighboring East Haven. A 3-day festival is held in this area of town at the end of summer called Short Beach Days with a parade, hip synching, races, basketball, and sand castle building.

The trail starts by crossing Beacon Hill and then follows the trolley line into Short Beach. After some road walking, the trail enters Killams Point and exits through the Turtle Bay Condominiums. Permission to enter Killams Point must be obtained from the Congregational Church in Branford. (Alternatively—you can follow Short Beach Road (Route 142). The trail continues through Harbor Village and east on Stannard. A right turn onto Cove Terrace leads to a path to the Branford Point (Parker Memorial Park) parking lot.

Photo by Chet Bloomquist



A special feature of this section of the Branford Trail is the Beacon Hill Lookout. Years of excavation have created a spectacular vantage point for viewing New Haven to the West and Long Island Sound. There is a particularly good view of the East Haven Trolley line.

Directions and Parking:

Parking for this portion of the Branford Trail is at the end of Dominican Road.

Permitted Activities:

This trail follows public and private roads. When adjacent to private property please respect resident's privacy. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and pick up all dog waste.

For more information about this location, contact:

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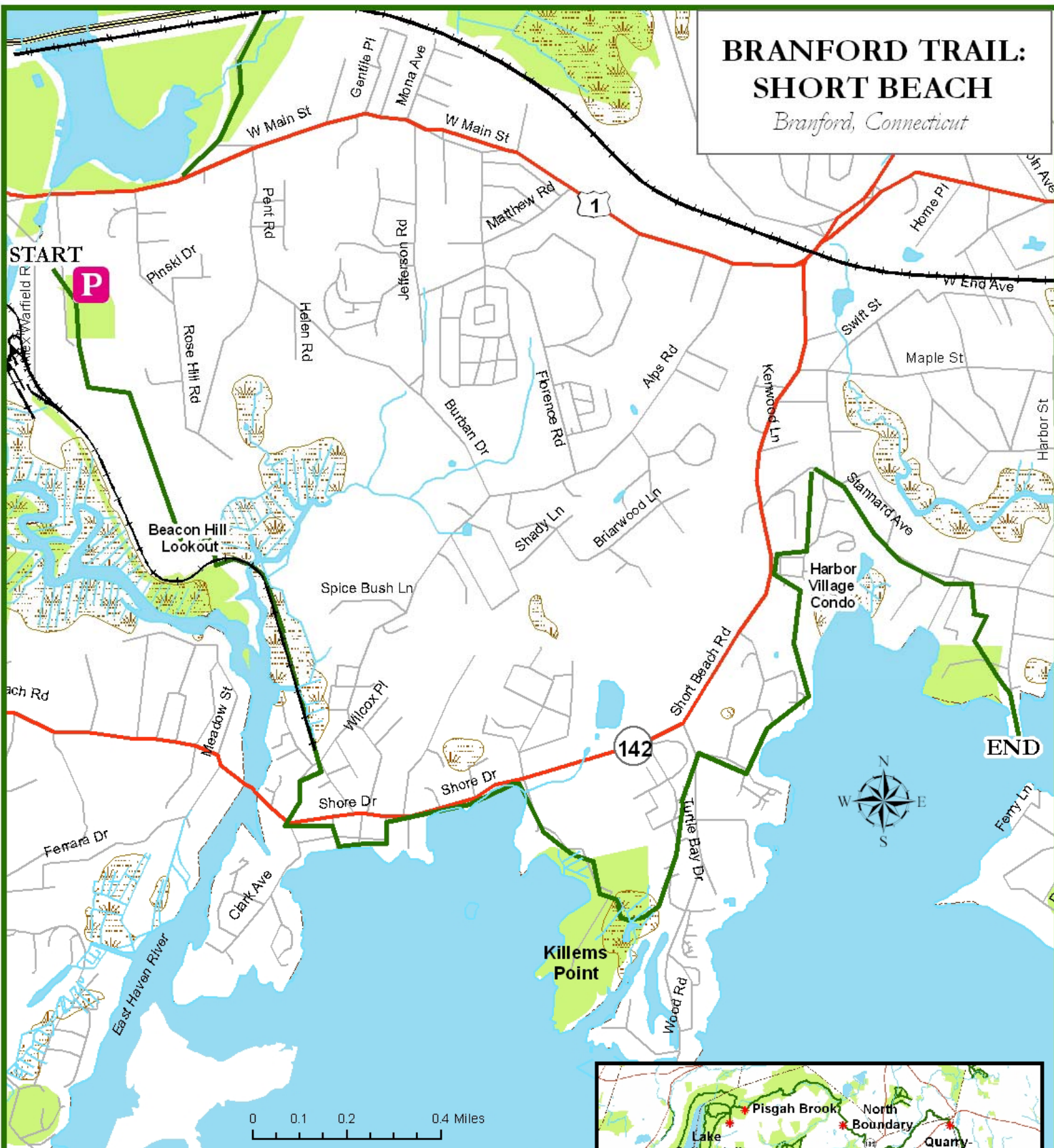
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